(b) the details of notices issued in respect of overcharging under DPCO, 1987, when was each notice issued and whether the file of one leading defaulter vanished from the records when the present officer concerned incharge of recovery was the Desk Officer;

(c) if so, the full details and action taken against the Officer and the outcome thereof; and

(d) the products involved in this case and why the amount due has not been worked out so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Shortage of Fertilizers

6588. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dalmias propose to set up a one million tonne Urea Plant (1800 TPD Ammonia with a 3000 TPD Urea in the State of Karnataka) as reported in 'The Hindustan Times' dated the 21st April, 1995; if so, which other Groups have been given permission to set up such fertilizers plants in the country indicating location thereof; and

(b) whether Government have finalised Indo-EEC Fertilizers Education Programme so as to provide improved package of agricultural practices in India including efficient and balanced use of fertilizers to the farmers, and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) As per the Industrial Policy Statement of July, 1991, industrial licensing has been abolished for the fertilizers industry. Therfore, entrepreneurs are free to set up fertilizer plants any where in India subject to environmental clearance. Dalmias have not formally intimated their plan to set up a fertilizer plant in Karnataka. M|s. Escorts Ltd. have asked for naphtha alocation for setting up a ammonia-urea plant in Punjab. Reliance Assam Petrochemicals Ltd. have sought allocation of natural gas for putting up a gas-based ammonia urea plant in Assam M|s. Nagrjuna Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd. have intimated their plants to expand the capacity of their gas-based ammonia-urea plant at Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh). IFFCO is currently implementing projects for expansion of the capacities of their ammonia-urea plants at Kalol (Gujarat), Aonla (Uttar Pradesh) and Phulpur (Uttar Pradesh). M|s. National Fertilizers Ltd. are implementing a project for expansion of the capacity of their ammonia-urea plant at Bijaipur (Madhaya Pradesh).) Likewise, M|s. Madras Fertilizers Ltd. are also currently implementing a project for modernisation| expansion of their existing fertilizer plants at Manali (Madras).

(b) Indo-EEC Fertilizer Education Programme has been posed for EEC funding.

Threat by Workers of Fertilizer sector

6589. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASAWAMY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fertilizer sector workers have threatened a nationwides stir over the proposed closure of the Haldia and Gorakhpur fertilizers plants in the public sector;

(b) if so, Government's reaction to such a threat; and

(c) whether Government will revive these two fertilizer units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The Fertilizers Workers Federation of India, in a resolution passed by them in April, 1995, have expressed their deep concern over the reported earmarking of Haldia Project of Hindus-